

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268

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In the Matter of:

ALVORD, IA 51230
Post Office State ZIP Code

POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION
Docket No. A 2011-11
SECRETARY

Janet Newborg, Petitioner(s)

PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the Alvord post office. The Final Determination was posted 11-23-11 (date)

2. In accordance with applicable law, 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)(5), the Petitioner(s) request the Postal Regulatory Commission to review the Postal Service's determination on the basis of the record before the Postal Service in the making of the determination.

3. Petitioners: Please set out below the reasons why you believe the Postal Service's Final Determination should be reversed and returned to the Postal Service for further consideration. (See pages of the Instructions for an outline of the kinds of reasons the law requires us to consider.) Please be as specific as possible. Please continue on additional paper if you need more space and attach the additional page(s) to this form.

Our community consists of older people and having our post office
would be a hardship to them and others too. I understand more money
would be spent on a rural route for Alvord since the routes
from other towns are very busy and more time is needed for our
mail to be delivered. Setting up rural routes for us would cost
more money than leaving it the way it is now. Another factor
would be our post office person would lose her job and jobs
are hard to come by. There would be more expense by putting

up cluster hopes. Who is going to distribute the mail in them?
We have a postmistress, let her continue her job at our post
office. Who will maintain these boxes? All of the alternatives
will mean more ^{working} people where we can get by without them
by keeping our facility open. The government wastes money all the
time and I think keeping our post office open shouldn't be
considered a waste. Our town needs our post office.
Thank you for your interest. Janet Newbury